

REMARKS

The Examiner considered claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10-12 and 15-18 to be allowable and has closed prosecution under *Ex parte Quayle*.

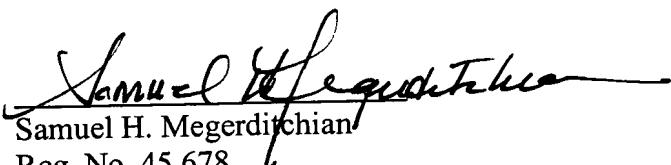
Claims 13 and 14 are hereby cancelled, without prejudice. No new matter is added by this amendment.

The following is in response to the Examiner's Summary, set out on page 2 of the Office Action: To the extent the Examiner's Summary states, implies or is construed to mean that the claims are allowable over the prior art of record because the Examiner believes the claims should be interpreted to include one or more features or limitations not recited therein, Applicant's attorney disagrees with such an interpretation. Moreover, it is Applicant's contention that there is no particular limitation in the allowed claims that is more critical than any other. The Examiner's Summary should not be construed as a surrender by Applicant of any subject matter. It is the intent of Applicant, by his attorney, to construe the allowed claims so as to cover the invention disclosed in the instant application and all equivalents to which the claimed invention is entitled.

By this Amendment, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application and prompt issuance of the Notice of Allowance are, therefore, earnestly solicited.

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